

THE WORLD'S GREATEST SUPER-HEROES!



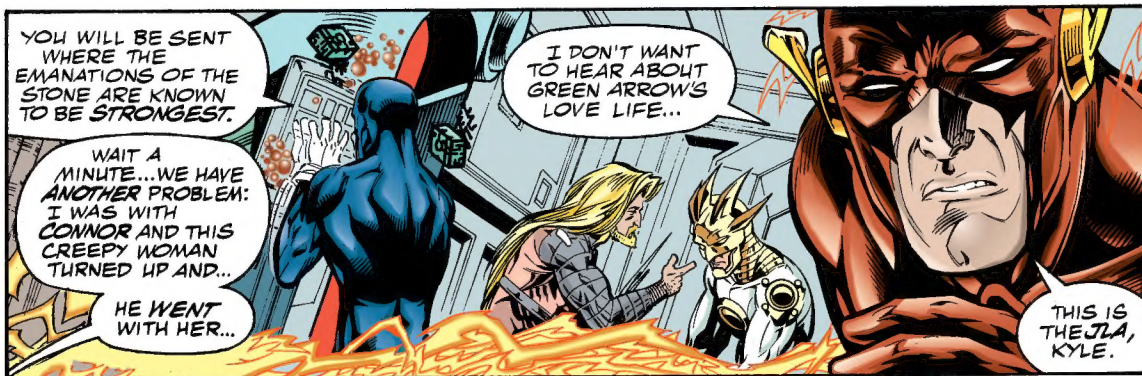
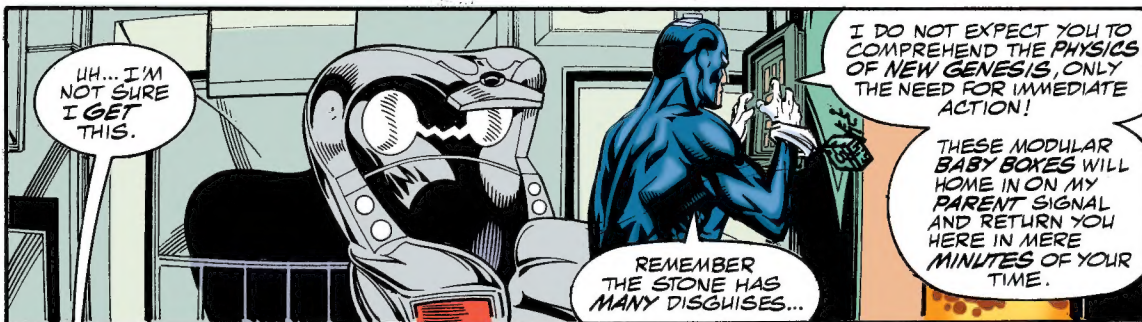
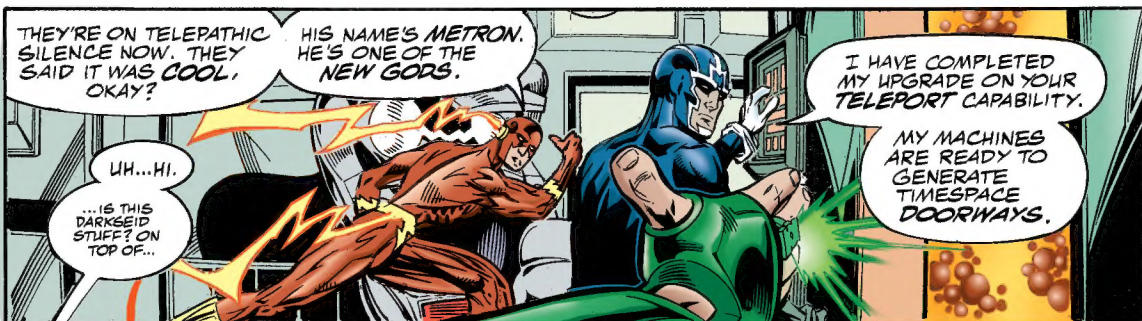
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JLA

ROCK
OF
AGES
Part 3 of 6



MORRISON
PORTER
DELL





AND THIS IS SAVE
THE UNIVERSE TIME,
SO...

HOLY--

WHAT IS THIS?
LIKE I CAN'T SAVE
THE UNIVERSE
'CAUSE I DIDN'T
LEARN HOW IN THE
TEEN TITANS OR
SOMETHING?

I'LL FIND THE
PHILOSOPHER'S
STONE BEFORE
YOU DO,
FLASH-MAN!



...WHAT'S HE
DOING TO OUR
TELEPORTER?

WHAT IS
THAT?

DOORWAYS IN
TIMESPACE! THE
ULTIMATE MAZE!
THE ULTIMATE
TREASURE!

FIND THE
PHILOSOPHER'S
STONE!

FIND THE
STONE OR
DARKSEID WILL!



"IT'S LIKE...LIKE THE AIR
JUST...OPENED UP RIGHT
IN FRONT OF ME.

OH.



"AND HE'S DOING SOME WEIRD
TIME STUFF AND THOSE CREEPY
LITTLE MOTHER BOXES ARE
PINGING AWAY AND SOMEHOW
I KNOW THEN...

"THIS FEELS
LIKE ALIEN
ABDUCTION.

"I'M BEING ABDUCTED
BY THE NEW GODS."



AND I SHOULD
HAVE TRUSTED
THAT BAD FEELING
BECAUSE I WAS
RIGHT.

HE TRICKED US...
THERE'S NO WAY
HOME... HE BOUNCED
US RIGHT ACROSS THE
UNIVERSE, AND
SOMETHING TERRIBLE'S
GONNA HAPPEN.

STAY CALM.
YOU'RE SAFE
HERE.

WHAT
HAPPENED NEXT?
CONTINUE YOUR
STORY.



"WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

"WHAT HAPPENED NEXT WAS INSANE; I WAS BOOSTED RIGHT OUT OF THE WATCHTOWER... I DIDN'T KNOW IF I WAS IN THE FUTURE OR ON ANOTHER PLANET...



"I SPENT MONTHS... IT FELT LIKE MONTHS EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T HAVE TO RECHARGE MY RING... IN THIS PLACE WHERE I THOUGHT I'D FOUND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE AND THE WHOLE WORLD WAS PERFECT.

"LIKE I SAY IT WAS MONTHS BEFORE I NOTICED..."

"EVERYTHING WAS GREEN."

"THE WHOLE PLACE WAS AN ILLUSION CONTURED BY MY MIND THROUGH THE POWER RING."

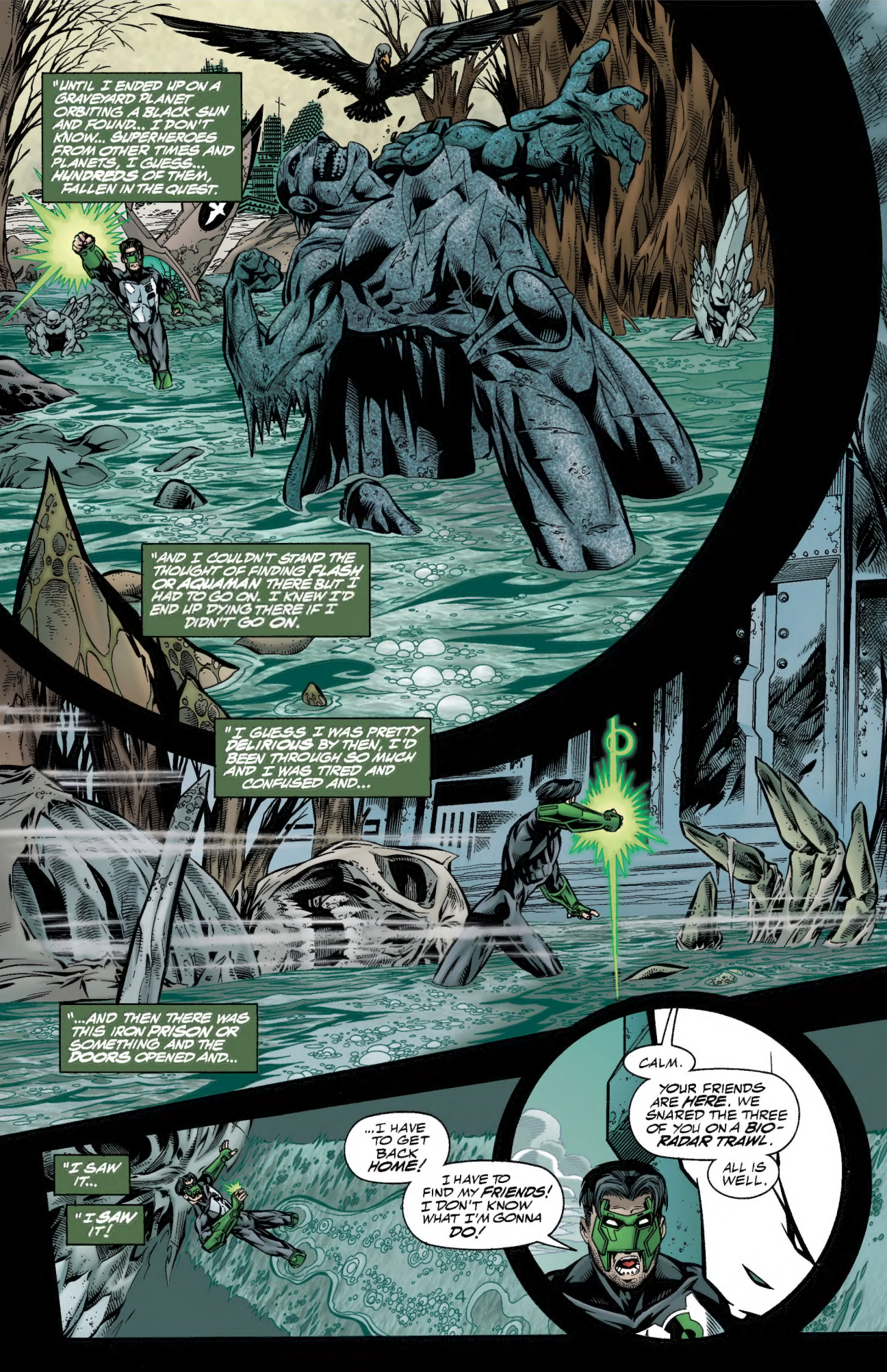
"AND I WOKE UP IN A FIELD OF HYPNOTIC FLOWERS, NO CLOSER TO THE STONE."

"I REMEMBER FIGHTING SOME CRAZY GUY WHO HAD A SYNTHETIC COPY OF THE REAL PHILOSOPHER'S STONE."

"I STOPPED HIM AND THEN I WAS PULLED AWAY AGAIN..."



"AND THEN I WAS GONE, THROUGH ANOTHER DOORWAY... ALL THE TIME GETTING FURTHER AND FURTHER



"UNTIL I ENDED UP ON A GRAVEYARD PLANET ORBITING A BLACK SUN AND FOUND... I DON'T KNOW... SUPERHEROES FROM OTHER TIMES AND PLANETS, I GUESS. HUNDREDS OF THEM, FALLEN IN THE QUEST.

"AND I COULDN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF FINDING FLASH OR AQUAMAN THERE BUT I HAD TO GO ON. I KNEW I'D END UP DYING THERE IF I DIDN'T GO ON.

"I GUESS I WAS PRETTY DELIRIOUS BY THEN, I'D BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH AND I WAS TIRED AND CONFUSED AND...

"...AND THEN THERE WAS THIS IRON PRISON OR SOMETHING, AND THE DOORS OPENED AND...

"I SAW IT..."

"I SAW IT!"

...I HAVE TO GET BACK HOME!

I HAVE TO FIND MY FRIENDS! I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GONNA DO!

CALM.

YOUR FRIENDS ARE HERE. WE SNARED THE THREE OF YOU ON A BIO-RADAR TRAWL.

ALL IS WELL.

YOU MUST
BE GREEN
LANTERN.

WELCOME TO THE
WORLDQUARTERS
OF THE THEOCRACY,
ORDER'S LAST
OUTPOST BEFORE
THE ETERNAL
DARK.

WELCOME
TO WONDER-
WORLD.

SAFE.

YOU HAVE
BEEN HURLED TO
THE UTMOST
PERIMETER OF
SPACE AND TIME
BEYOND, THERE
IS ONLY THE
UNKNOWNABLE.

YOU CAN CALL
ME THE *MOTE*.
I SPECIALIZE
IN SELF-
MINIATURIZATION.

...WHERE
IS
THIS...

YOU SAID MY
FRIENDS ARE
HERE? FLASH?
AQUAMAN?

SO YOU
SHRINK,
YEAH?

YOU LOOK
PRETTY
NORMAL-SIZED
TO ME. LISTEN,
I...

WOHH.

THIS IS
WONDERWORLD,
GREEN LANTERN...

ROCK OF AGES

PART THREE

WONDERWORLD

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BATMAN



SUPERMAN



AQUAMAN



FLASH



GREEN LANTERN



MARTIAN MANHUNTER



GREEN ARROW



AZTEK

THINGS
ARE
BIGGER
HERE.

NOW.

COULDN'T YOU HAVE PICKED A LIVELIER ALIEN, LUTHOR?

SO YOU GOT HIM BRAINWASHED WITH THAT SPOOKY STONE OF YOURS, HMMM? WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF HE GOT UNBRAINWASHED?

I BET YOU GOT THAT COVERED, LEX.



SAY WHAT?

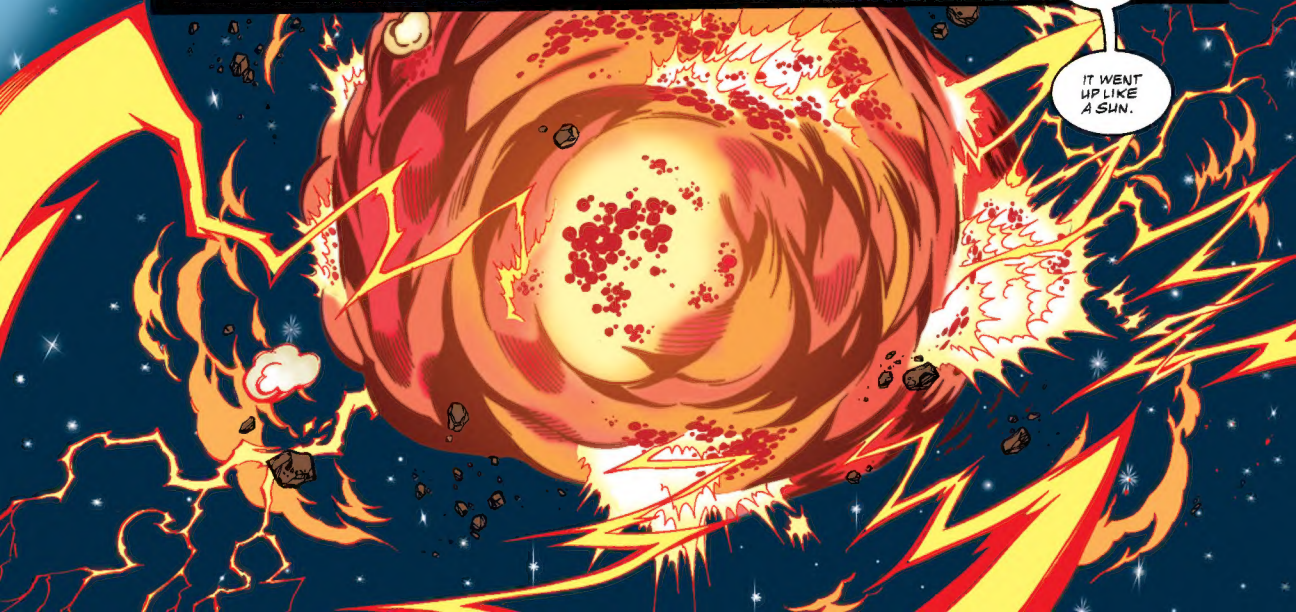
YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO KILL SUPERMAN UNTIL I KILLED BATMAN! DOUBLE OR QUITS!

THE OLD WORLD'S VILEST TEAM! LEXY! HOW COULD YOU.

SHUT UP, JOKER.

LOOK.

IT WENT UP LIKE A SUN.



SUPERMAN?

I'M STARTING TO LEARN HOW TO USE THESE NEW POWERS.

I ABSORBED THE ENTIRE ENERGY OUTPUT OF THE BLAST EXCEPT FOR THE LIGHT.

LUTHOR WILL HAVE TO ASSUME WE'RE DEAD OR INJURED BUT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO UNDERESTIMATE THESE PEOPLE.

I FEEL LUTHOR MAY BE USING AN ALIEN TELEPATH TO INTERFERE WITH OUR COMMUNICATIONS. I CAN NO LONGER DETECT THE MINDS OF WALLY, KYLE OR AQUAMAN...

...THEY CAN TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES.

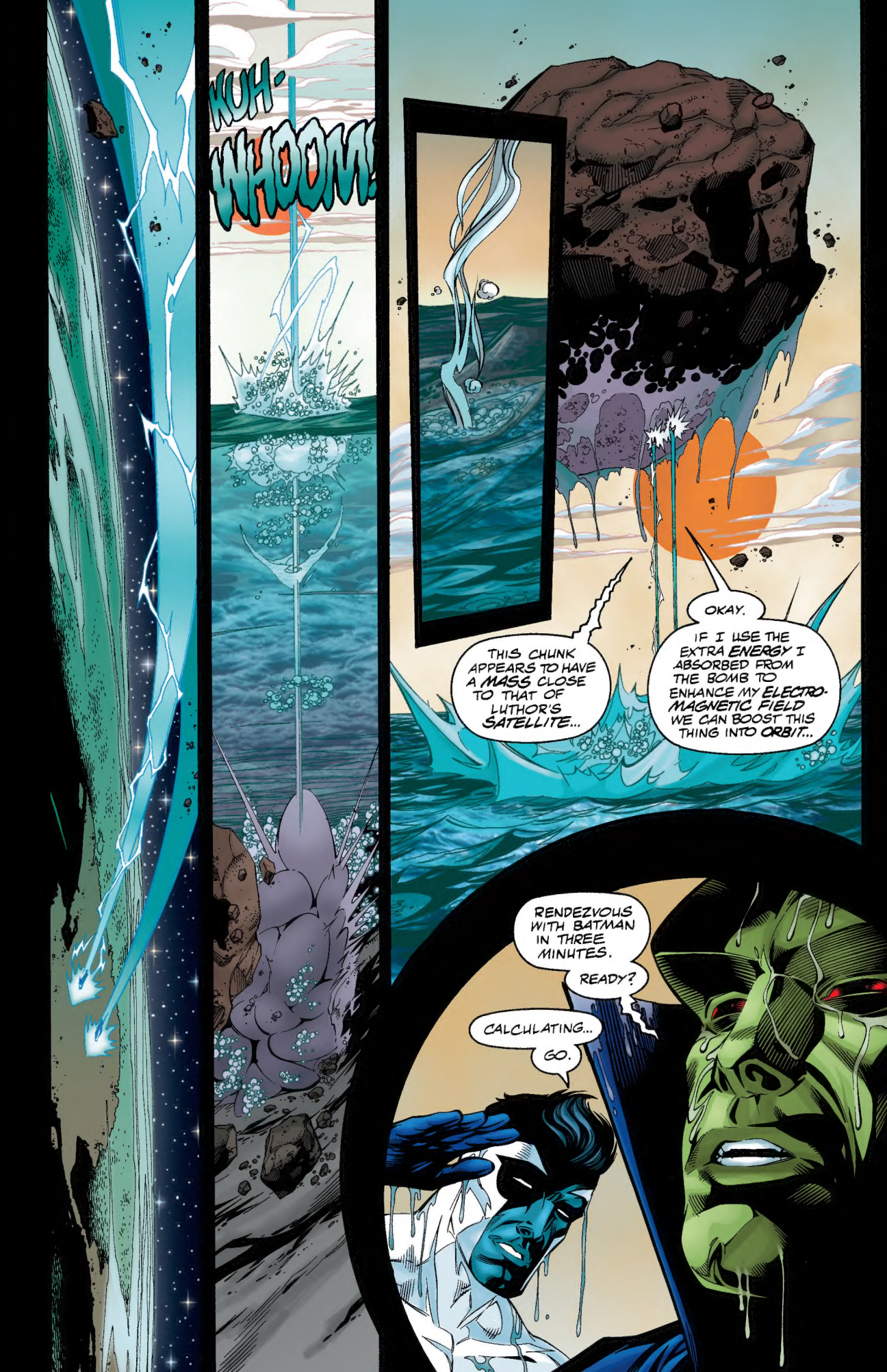
WE DEAL WITH LUTHOR AND HIS GANG FIRST.

AGREED.

CAN YOU SEE THE RADIO WAVEFRONT OF LUTHOR'S BIO-SCAN APPROACHING US?

WE SHOULD TAKE ONE LAST BREATH OF THIS ESCAPING OXYGEN AND PROCEED AT SPEED.

LATITUDE 18°.
LONGITUDE 157°.



KUH-
WHOOOM!



THIS CHUNK
APPEARS TO HAVE
A MASS CLOSE
TO THAT OF
LUTHOR'S
SATELLITE...

OKAY.
IF I USE THE
EXTRA ENERGY I
ABSORBED FROM
THE BOMB TO
ENHANCE MY ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC FIELD
WE CAN BOOST THIS
THING INTO ORBIT...

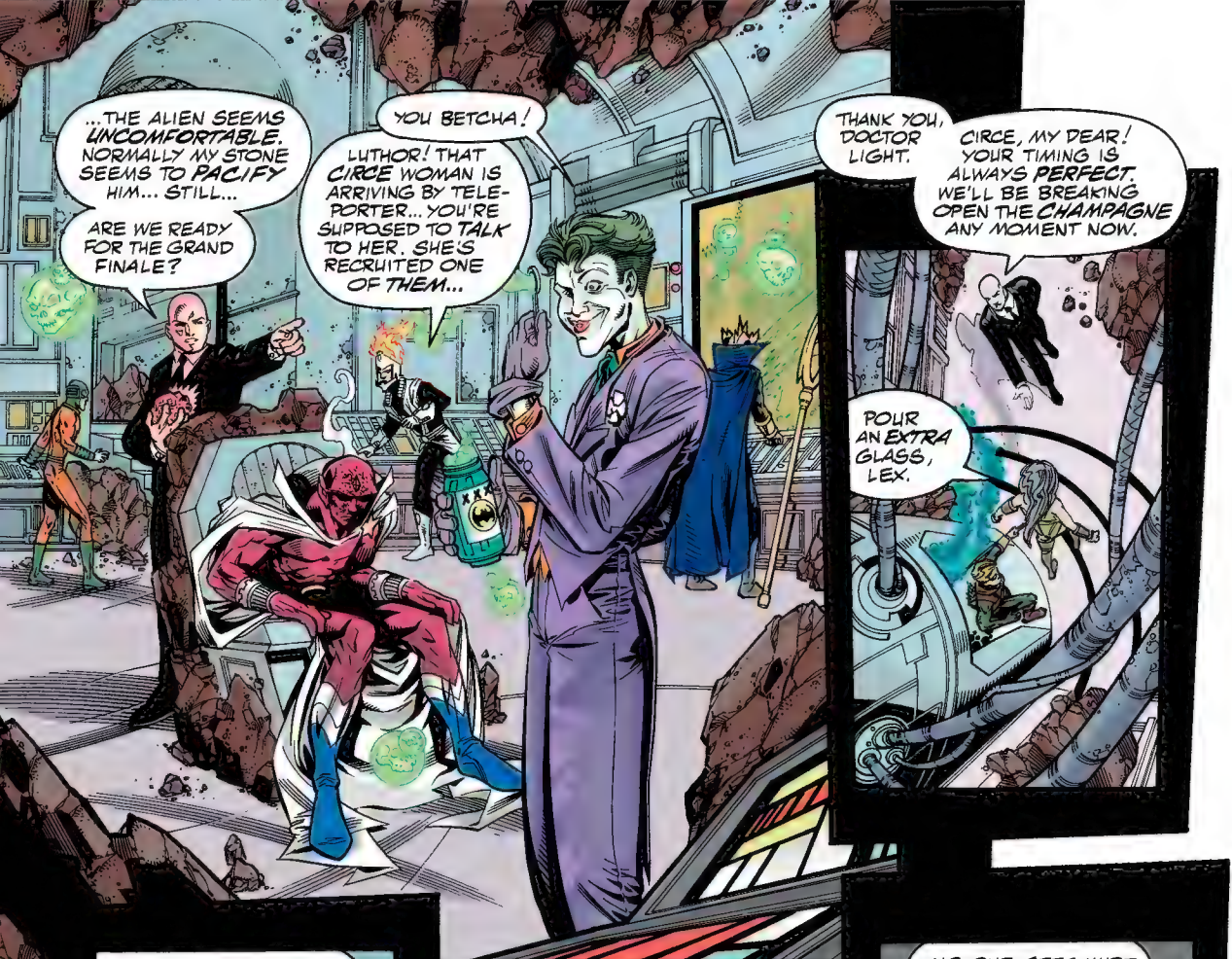
RENDEZVOUS
WITH BATMAN
IN THREE
MINUTES.

READY?

CALCULATING...

GO.





...THE ALIEN SEEMS UNCOMFORTABLE. NORMALLY MY STONE SEEMS TO PACIFY HIM... STILL...

ARE WE READY FOR THE GRAND FINALE?

YOU BETCHA!

LUTHOR! THAT CIRCE WOMAN IS ARRIVING BY TELEPORTER... YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO TALK TO HER. SHE'S RECRUITED ONE OF THEM...

THANK YOU, DOCTOR LIGHT.

CIRCE, MY DEAR! YOUR TIMING IS ALWAYS PERFECT. WE'LL BE BREAKING OPEN THE CHAMPAGNE ANY MOMENT NOW.

POUR AN EXTRA GLASS, LEX.

GREEN ARROW WANTS TO SIGN ON THE DOTTED LINE.

I DON'T DRINK.

AND I WON'T HURT ANYONE BUT I'LL HELP YOU SHUT DOWN THE JLA...

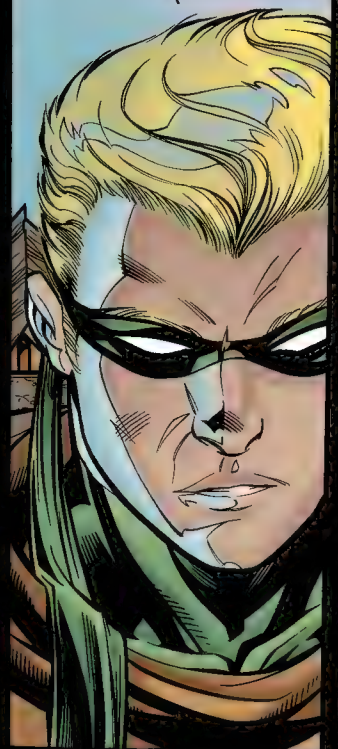
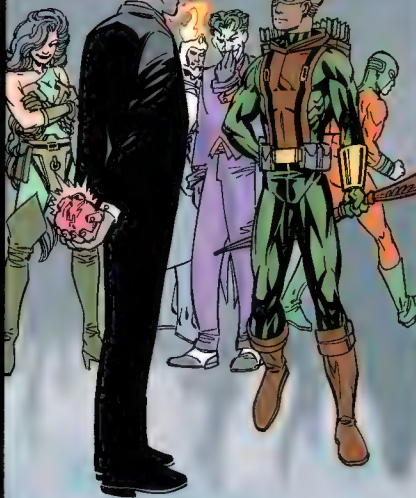
REALLY? I'M NOT SURE I TRUST YOU, YOUNG MAN.

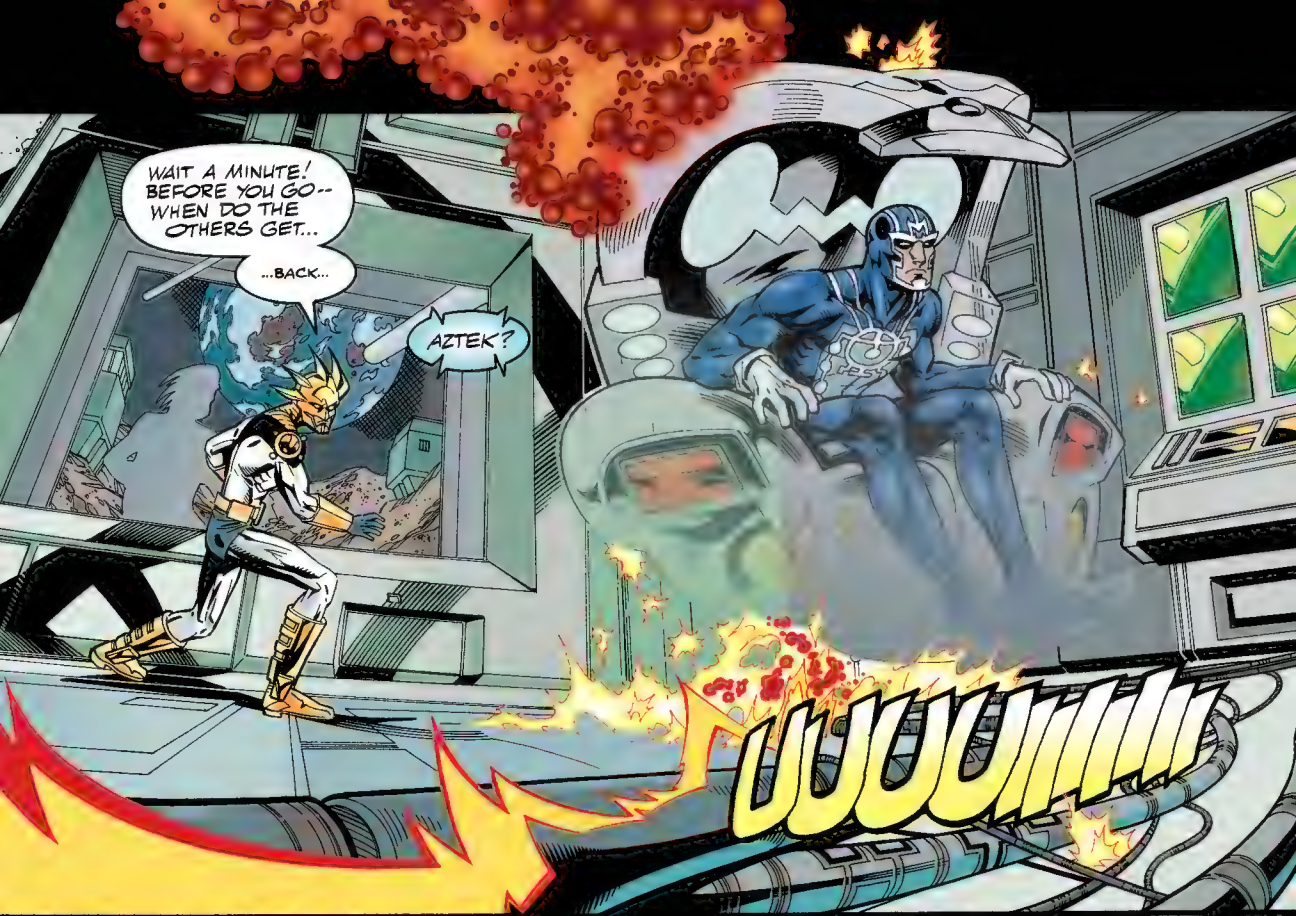
I WANT TO SEVER ALL CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION TO THE JLA WATCHTOWER BUT ONE. GIVE ME THE COMPUTER ACCESS CODES I NEED.

EARN MY TRUST, "GREEN ARROW".

NO ONE GETS HURT AND THE CODES ARE YOURS.

I'M DOING THIS FOR MY FATHER, NOT FOR YOU.





WAIT A MINUTE!
BEFORE YOU GO--
WHEN DO THE
OTHERS GET...

...BACK...

AZTEK?

AZTEK,
PLEASE PAY
ATTENTION.

THIS IS
YOUR...MYSTERY
BENEFACTOR
SPEAKING.

...OH NO...

HOW DID
YOU HACK INTO
THIS SYSTEM?
WHY ARE MY
COMM-LINKS
GOING OFFLINE?
WHAT--

SHH!
DON'T SAY
ANYTHING
YET.

THERE'S
SOMETHING
YOU SHOULD
KNOW FIRST.
ABOUT
YOURSELF...

I HAVE SOME SMALL
FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE
Q FOUNDATION, THE
GROUP OF FANATICS WHO
TRAINED YOU TO BE THE
ULTIMATE WARRIOR IN THE
"STRUGGLE BETWEEN LIGHT
AND DARKNESS" OR
WHATEVER IT IS.

I PERSONALLY
PAID FOR SEVERAL
MILLION DOLLARS'
WORTH OF YOUR
TRAINING PROGRAM.

AND DO YOU KNOW WHY?
NOT BECAUSE I ACTUALLY
BELIEVED THAT SOME
MEXICAN GOD OF EVIL WAS
GOING TO RETURN AND ONLY
YOU COULD SAVE MY
POOR SKIN.

I DID IT SO THAT
I COULD HAVE MY
VERY OWN SUPER-
HERO IN THE
JUSTICE LEAGUE.

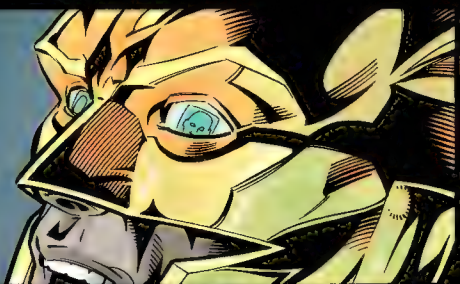


THERE IS NO
SHADOW GOD, AZTEK.
YOU'RE A WARRIOR
WITHOUT A WAR.

SO HERE'S THE DEAL...
FROM THE WRECKAGE OF
THE OLD, YOU FORM A
NEW JLA, FUNDED BY
LEXCORP. OTHERWISE...
WE KILL YOU, NOW.

NO. I WON'T
BETRAY THE
JUSTICE
LEAGUE.

AND I'LL
DIE BEFORE
I WORK
FOR YOU.



PREDICTABLY NOBLE. BUT
CONSIDER THIS: IF YOU DIE,
THEN THERE IS NO CHAMPION
TO STAND AGAINST THE EVIL
YOU WERE TRAINED TO
FACE.

AND WHILE I MAY
NOT BELIEVE THAT THE
SHADOW GOD IS
RETURNING... YOU
DO, DON'T YOU?

SO... IS YOUR
HONOR MORE
IMPORTANT THAN
THE LIVES OF
EVERYONE ON
EARTH?



DECIDE.

AOOORRAAOOORRAOO

WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

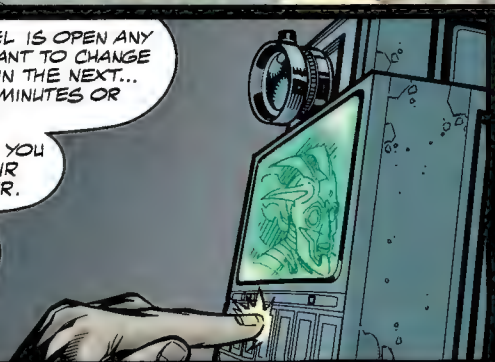
WE'VE JUST USED STOLEN
BULK-TELEPORT TECHNOLOGY:
THOSE ALARMS ARE TRYING TO
TELL YOU THAT TWELVE FULLY-
ARMED **NUCLEAR MISSILES**
ARE PRESENTLY COUNTING DOWN
INSIDE YOUR "WATCHTOWER"...



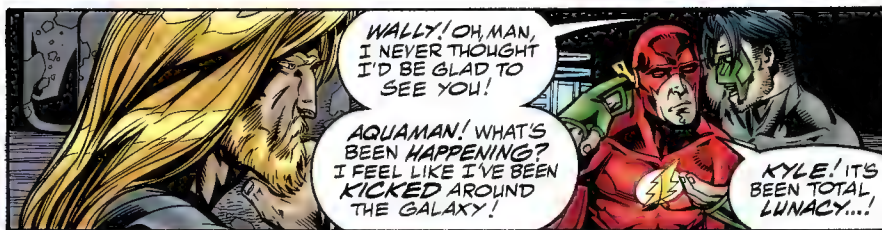
THIS CHANNEL IS OPEN ANY
TIME YOU WANT TO CHANGE
YOUR MIND IN THE NEXT...
OH, FOUR MINUTES OR
SO.

I SUGGEST YOU
RUN TO YOUR
TELEPORTER.

I'LL EXPECT
YOU TO REPORT
FOR DUTY
SHORTLY.



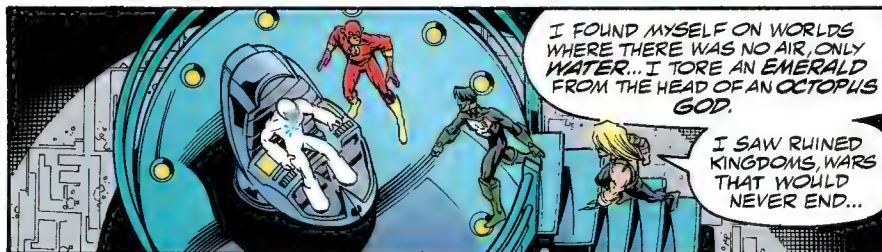




WALLY! OH, MAN,
I NEVER THOUGHT
I'D BE GLAD TO
SEE YOU!

AQUAMAN! WHAT'S
BEEN HAPPENING?
I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN
KICKED AROUND
THE GALAXY!

KYLE! IT'S
BEEN TOTAL
LUNACY....!



I FOUND MYSELF ON WORLDS
WHERE THERE WAS NO AIR, ONLY
WATER... I TORE AN EMERALD
FROM THE HEAD OF AN OCTOPUS
GOD.

I SAW RUINED
KINGDOMS, WARS
THAT WOULD
NEVER END...



... AND NOT ONCE
DID I COME WITHIN
SNIFFING DISTANCE OF
ANYTHING RESEMBLING
A PHILOSOPHER'S STONE!

I DON'T
TRUST
METRON...

LISTEN,
THAT'S WHAT I
HAVE TO TELL
YOU. IT'S...
BAD...



...NEWS...

MOTE.
ARE
THESE
THE NEW
ARRIVALS?

FLASH,
AQUAMAN,
GREEN LANTERN.
WELCOME.

EEEEEEEEEEEEET

THIS IS WONDERWORLD.

I AM ADAM ONE, CREATED BY THE GODS IN PRIMAL TIME TO TAME THE ORIGINAL WORLD, **MAHMORD**. ALONE I WRESTLED WITH CHAOS FOR A BILLION YEARS.

AND IN TIME, **MAHMORD** BECAME **WONDERWORLD**.

THIS GLOBAL FORTRESS TRAVERSES THE ENTIRE SPACETIME FRONTIER AT **HYPER-TEMPORAL** SPEEDS, UNIMAGINABLE EVEN TO YOU, FLASH.

WE PATROL AND DEFEND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE KNOWN UNIVERSE. BEYOND, THERE IS ONLY THE ETERNAL ABYSS... AND THE **ANTI-SUN**.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US, THE SUPERBEINGS OF TEN THOUSAND WORLDS, MAN OUR BATTLEMENTS...

NO, WAIT A MINUTE. WE **CAN'T** DO THAT... I...

CAN I SPEAK TO MY FRIENDS FOR A MOMENT?

BUT WE--

EXCUSE ME, WE'RE TALKING...

KYLE, PLEASE GO ON...

OKAY... I **SAW** IT... I MADE IT TO SOME TERRIBLE PLACE WITH ALL THESE DEAD SUPER GUYS AROUND AND...

I KNEW I WAS GONNA DIE, TOO, UNLESS I COULD FIND THE **PHILOSOPHER'S STONE**.

AND THAT'S WHEN I LOOKED UP...

AND I SAW IT...

GREEN
LANTERN?
KYLE
RAYNER?

INTRODUCTIONS: I
BECAME SELF-AWARE IN
THE YEAR BS000330. I
AM A DIAMOND-GENERATION
INTELLIGENT MACHINE
COLONY, DNA-PROGRAMMED
WITH TYLER MIRACLO
GENE BIOSOFTWARE...

I AM
HOURMAN--
ALSO KNOWN AS
"THE MASTER
OF TIME."

...WHUHH?
PHILOSOPHER'S
STONE... I HAVE
TO FIND IT...

...METRON
SENT ME...
I HAVE TO
FIND IT...

THIS IS THE FIRST
TIME YOU HAVE
MET ME BUT NOT
THE FIRST TIME I
HAVE MET YOU.

THE NEXT
TIME YOU
MEET ME
WILL BE THE
FIRST TIME I
MET YOU.

IT'S DIFFICULT TO
RENDER THIS INTO
THIRD-DIMENSIONAL
LANGUAGE...

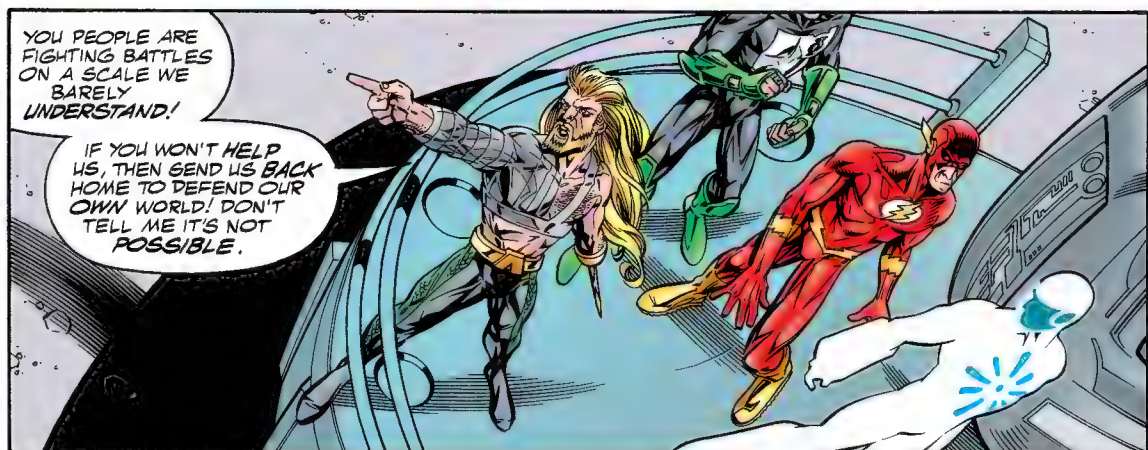
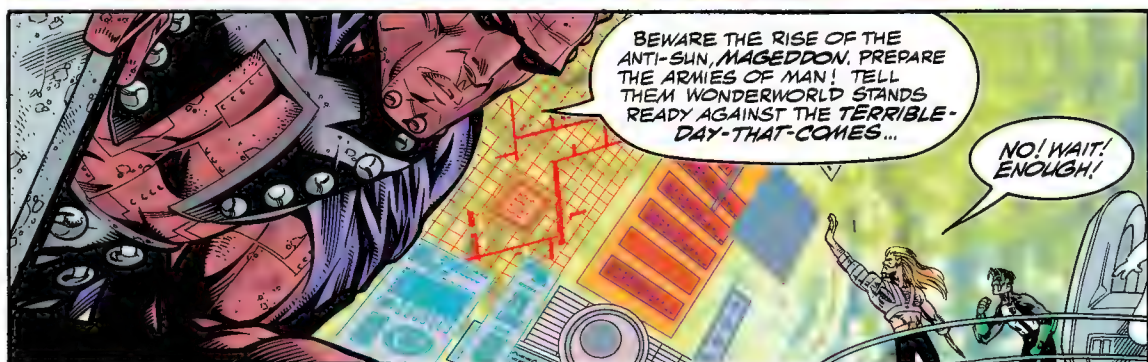
THIS IS THE STONE
YOU SEEK. IT CAN BEND
BOTH TIME AND SPACE.
IT CAN DO ANYTHING
YOU CAN IMAGINE.

BUT YOU
HAVE BEEN
BETRAYED,
BY A FALSE
GOD. LISTEN
TO ME...

OF
COURSE.

AND YOU SENT
ME HERE. THE
PHILOSOPHER'S
STONE IS BEING
MISUSED, AND THE
RIPPLES OF ITS
POWER THREATEN
PAST, PRESENT
AND FUTURE.

AS YOU WILL SEE.

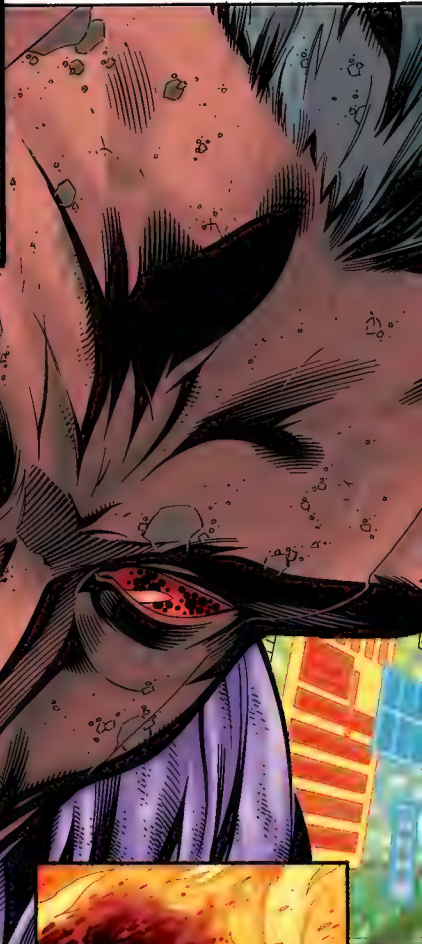




TINY WARRIOR...
I ADMIRE YOUR
CONFIDENCE, BUT...

THE
HYPERWHEEL.

THE GLIMMER'S
HYPERWHEEL WOULD BE
CAPABLE OF PRODUCING
THE ACCELERATION
REQUIRED TO BREAK THE
SPACETIME BARRIER.



YOU'D HAVE TO
KNOW EXACTLY
WHERE YOU WERE
HEADED AND
WHEN.

YOU
WOULD
HAVE NO
IDEA.

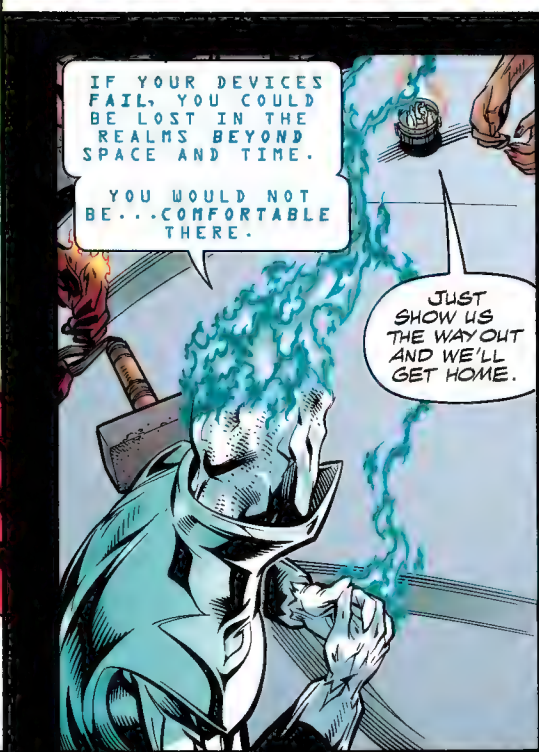
LET
US WORRY
ABOUT
THAT.



AQUAMAN!
WE HAVE METRON'S
BABY BOXES! MAYBE
WE CAN STILL HOME
IN ON HIM ACROSS
SPACETIME...

PING
PING
PING

I CAN TAKE US UP
TO ESCAPE VELOCITY
AND THERE'S A CHANCE
THESE THINGS MIGHT
GUIDE US BACK TO
METRON.



IF YOUR DEVICES
FAIL, YOU COULD
BE LOST IN THE
REALMS BEYOND
SPACE AND TIME.

YOU WOULD NOT
BE...COMFORTABLE
THERE.

JUST
SHOW US
THE WAY OUT
AND WE'LL
GET HOME.



FOLLOW
ME.

...MY PEOPLE, THE ANCIENT BLACKSMITHS OF MAMMORD FORGED THIS MACHINE: I HAVE FAITH THAT ONE DAY IT WILL RETURN THE GLIMMER TO US FROM THE ABYSS.

I HAVE FAITH THAT TODAY IT WILL TAKE YOU HOME TO YOUR PEOPLE.

GODSPEED.

THIS IS CRAZY... MY STOMACH'S JUMPING...

IF WE DON'T STOP THE ULA BEATING THE BAD GUYS, DARKSEID'S GONNA ENSLAVE THE EARTH! IT'S ALL DOWN TO US!

I CANNOT HANDLE THIS!
SURE YOU CAN.

WHAT'S LIKELY TO HAPPEN HERE, FLASH? WE SEEM TO BE MOVING VERY FAST, VERY QUICKLY...

CAN WE TAKE THIS KIND OF ACCELERATION?

THIS IS JOGGING, BUT WHEN I HIT TOP SPEED, THEN THE TREADMILL TAKES OVER, AMPLIFIES MY VELOCITY AND WE HIT... I DON'T KNOW... FASTER THAN LIGHT SQUARED...

WE'RE ACCELERATING TO SPEEDS WHERE OUR ENTIRE PHYSICAL STRUCTURES WILL BE CONVERTED TO HYPERLIGHT INFORMATION!

WE'RE DOING WHAT?

YEAH!
ISN'T IT AMAZZZZ!!!!

EARTH:

...BE READY
FOR MY
SIGNAL.

THIS IS AN
INTERESTING
TRICK...

AYE, WELL, THE
GIMMICKS COME WITH
THE NAME, BIG MAN.
YEZ'VE NOT GOT LONG,
BY THE WAY.

FOUR-
MINUTE
WARNING.

CHECK'S
IN THE MAIL,
MCCULLOCH.

FAIR ENOUGH. BY THE BY,
JUST SO'S YOU KNOW, I
DIDN'T KILL ANYBODY IN
STAR CITY.

ANYHOW: THAT'S MY
STORY AND I'M STICKING
TO IT. TIME TO HAND YOU
BACK TO YOUR REGULARLY
SCHEDULED REFLECTION,
EH?

HH.

BRUCE...THE
MIRROR MASTER IS
A MERCENARY...AND
YOU PAID HIM?

LIVES ARE AT STAKE. I DID WHAT
WAS NECESSARY. WE NEEDED SPIES
IN LUTHOR'S CAMP, WE KNEW HE'D
BE SCANNING FOR J'ONN.

AND THE MONEY'S GONE
INTO A RESTORATION FUND
FOR THE ORPHANAGE
WHERE MCCULLOCH
GREW UP.

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE
THE SENTIMENTALITY OF
A SCOTSMAN, CLARK.

THE ROCK'S
IN THE AIR.

WE HAVE
A LITTLE
OVER THREE
MINUTES.

THE
INJUSTICE
GANG IS
HISTORY.

WE'RE THROUGH!

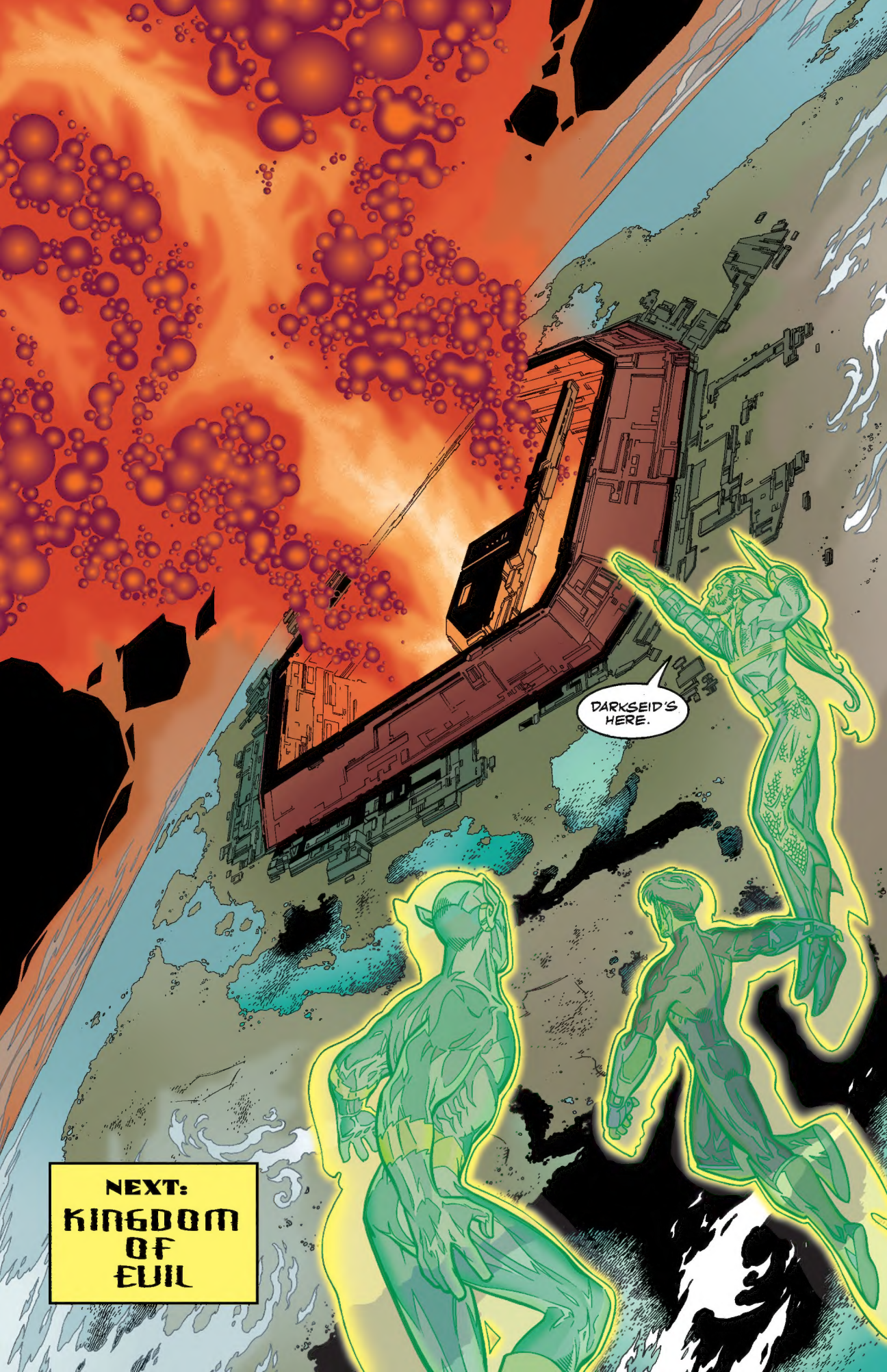
WE'RE
IN SPACE...
HOW CAN WE
TALK...

...DOES ANYONE ELSE
FEEL A *PULL*?...IT'S
LIKE A RIPTIDE...

WHAT
IS
THAT?

OKAY, I'LL
GET US DOWN.
EVERYTHING'S UNDER...

THAT WAS
EUROPE...



DARKSEID'S
HERE.

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KINGDOM
OF
EVIL**

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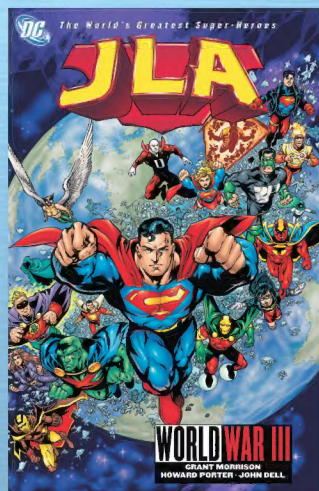
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